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Chavez reaches out to opposition after victory



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez waves the national flag while celebrating from a balcony at Miraflores Palace in Caracas

CARACAS (AFP) - Hugo Chavez pledged to become a "better president" and work with the opposition after winning a tough re-election battle that betrayed simmering discontent at his socialist revolution.

The leftist president's victory was a relief to like-minded allies in the region, with Cuban leader Raul Castro hailing his friend's "historic triumph," while the United States urged him to listen to the opposition.

After almost 14 years in power, Chavez survived cancer and the most formidable opponent of his presidency, youthful former state governor Henrique Capriles, to win Sunday's election and another six-year term.

The anti-US firebrand vowed to deepen his oil-funded socialist revolution after hailing his "perfect" victory.

But he also reached out to disenchanted voters by pledging to work with the opposition, a tacit acceptance that this was a narrower victory than in the past and that Venezuela is a country very much divided.

"I want to include everybody, including sectors of the opposition," Chavez, wearing his trademark red shirt, told thousands of cheering supporters from the balcony of his Miraflores presidential residence.

"I commit to being a better president than I've been these past few years," the 58-year-old leader said. Alluding to his cancer battle, he said: "I thank God and ask him life and health to keep serving the Venezuelan people."

Picked by the once di-

vided opposition in an unprecedented primary, Capriles, 40, was able to woo voters from Chavez with promises to curb rising crime, reform the oil-dependent economy and unite the polarized nation.

After a massive 81 percent turnout, Chavez won 55 percent, or nearly eight million, of the votes, while Capriles gave the opposition its best score against the president, 44.39 percent, or 6.4 million ballots.

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Secondary education schools may participate! Aruba Bank and Serlimar announce the Good4TheNeighborhood "Upgrade Your Barrio"

Aruba Bank's "Good4TheNeighborhood" project continues. This year the bank is introducing a new concept, in which the project will include a Cleanup Day with participants from the secondary education schools and the Centronan di Barrio (Neighborhood Centers). The goal for this year is to include the youth and residents of neighborhoods in a community project as well as increase their awareness of the fact that together we can make a change and improve the recreational opportunities on the streets where we live. "Good4TheNeighborhood" wants to stimulate teamwork, leadership, creativity among youngsters and educate our upcoming generation on how to design and execute a plan, as well as create a budget for that plan.

This year Serlimar will also take part in Good4TheNeighborhood and contribute to the aspect of cleaning up during Cleanup Days in different neighborhoods. Serlimar will place trash cans, and its trucks will go through all streets. The Serlimar team will also be on



hand to coordinate activities and make sure all goes well.

Aruba Bank approached the secondary-education schools in Aruba to invite third grade students to participate in this wonderful project.

ect.

Aruba Bank will visit the island's neighborhoods to select the neighborhoods that have the most need for general cleanups. Each school that participates will adopt one of these neighborhoods and participate in the Cleanup Day project. The schools will work together with the community centers with the objective to involve all neighborhood residents in the Good4TheNeighborhood Cleanup Day.

The students will also have the opportunity to present an idea for a recreational area in their neighborhood. The goal behind this is to create a better line of communication among neighbors, through which they may exchange ideas, relax and enjoy time with their children. The participating schools will continue to monitor these recreational areas and will be responsible for their maintenance, which will take place once a year.

Additionally, Aruba Bank will place a "Good4TheNeighborhood" sign in the recreational area of each neighborhood, thereby modeling the social corporate responsibility that the bank feels towards the community.

At the end of the execution of the projects, a group of judges will select the top 3 best projects. There will be prizes for the three projects that stand out the most. Each project that is realized is a winner on its own, and Aruba

Bank will have a special token of recognition for each school that participates.

Aruba Bank will hereby once again encourage our younger generation in the secondary education school system to participate in a Good4TheNeighborhood project, thereby stimulating the sense of leadership and creativity among the youngsters and teaching them how to work in a team for their community.

Aside from this the bank will also involve the youth and neighborhood residents in a project that is good for their neighborhood as well as educate the youngsters on creating a plan and working based on a budget. In the month of December, each project will be presented during a final event at Aruba Bank Camacuri branch, during which Aruba Bank will also announce the three winning schools.

In the weeks ahead, Aruba Bank will provide more information and details related to the Good4TheNeighborhood Upgrade Bo Barrio project, which will involve schools, student and especially diverse neighborhoods on the island.

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ELMAR's "Business Development Officer" Elthon

Lampe explained that this automobile can be connected to electricity at home and can be powered by electricity alone but that it is also "hybrid." Once the battery is fully charged it uses the battery only. This car contributes to a clean environment without any gas

emissions.

The car can drive for 65 kilometer on electric energy, but if the airconditioner is not used it can reach up to 100 kilometers. A totally electric car that is not dual mode can go a distance of 150 kilometers.

This is a project that ELMAR has been exploring

since last year. They have been testing the difference between an electric car and a gasoline car for several months to ascertain what the cost benefit is.

According to Elthon Lampe, the difference is impressive. The cost of gasoline will probably continue to rise while the price of electricity will drop on Aruba as of November. ELMAR's experts did a calculation and concluded that electric cars are 60% more efficient than a gasoline vehicle. For example, if you are paying Afls.250 per month to fill the tank of your gasoline vehicle, you would be paying only Afls.90 for your electric vehicle. Lampe says "...the difference is great!"

According to ELMAR, they are fully prepared for electric automobiles on Aruba. These vehicles may be charged at night at home, although ELMAR's plans include the installation of various

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Suddenly the row starts to move
With his walking stick Bubba holds his ground in the row

When he reaches the little office he is told, that he has to be in San Nicolas
In San Nicolas he is told to "come back tomorrow"

Now he has to catch the bus again
The bus entrance step is too high he cannot make it

Thank God a gentleman standing behind him helps him in the bus
In the bus he falls into a seat
His back and legs are hurting

His face is covered with sweat
With the sweat stained handkerchief he dries his face

When the bus makes the last stop for Bubba he is not home yet
His ordeal is not over, he has to walk 50 minutes before he reaches his house

That night Bubba cannot sleep
He is thinking of the road of Calvary that he has to take again before he can get his "Smartcard"

In his morning prayer he thanks the Lord and ask Him not to change the system but please give him strength so that he can make it to get his "Smartcard".

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Little ones lead the way for Fire Prevention Week



Aruba's Fire Department began their weeklong program of Fire Prevention Week events with an open house on Sunday, October 7, at the Tanki Flip Station. They welcomed families to explore and learn about their first-response equipment and procedures and explore the world of being a fireman.

Scores of children had "the best time ever" during the "Bomberito Challenge," a relay race/obstacle course that put them through the paces of what full grown "Bomberos" or firemen, do. Each child had a coach taking them through the paces.

While children were learning what it meant to be a fireman, Aruba's Health Bus was in action, testing a long line of

parents for blood sugar and pressure, and their BMI, a fraction of what the mobile diagnostic station can do. When the testing was complete, those with health irregularities were able to consult with a doctor on the spot; to be sure they pursued further testing and exploration.

Fire Prevention activities will finish this coming Sunday, October 14 with the 29th annual Brandweer 10K Run/Walk. All runners and walkers are invited to participate. Registration is open through Saturday, October 13. Interested parties can sign up at the Tanki Flip station from 9:00AM until 4:00PM or IBISA, former IDEFRE headquarters, in Certified Mega Mall.

The route will be from the Tanki Flip Fire Station through

Ponton, Santa Helena and Hato to finish back at the fire station. Registration free for the 5K is 10 Aruban florins (\$5.50) and for the 10K: 15 florins, (\$8.25.)

Trophies for the 10K run will be awarded in several age categories for both women and men for ages under 20 to 60 plus. 10K walk trophies will be award for the top three finishing places in both categories. 5K runner and walker trophies will be awarded only to participants under the age of 17 who finish in the top three spots. Entrants will be eligible for door prizes sponsored by the Westin Aruba Resort.

For more information on the Brandweer run/walk, call 582-4987.

US actor DeVito splits from wife of 30 years



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US comic actor Danny DeVito has separated from his wife of 30 years Rhea Perlman, his spokesman said Monday, ending one of the longest marriages in Hollywood.

The diminutive actor, 67, and actress Perlman, 64, married in 1982, 12 years after meeting when she went to see a Broadway show he was acting in, "The Shrinking Bride."

Both of them acted in the hit TV show "Taxi" in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Perlman went on to perform in "Cheers" and stayed in television, while DeVito moved more on to the big screen.

His credits include 1975's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Batman Returns" in 1992 and "LA Confidential" in 1997. He voiced the Lorax in this year's animated blockbuster "Lorax."

DeVito's publicist Stan Rosenfield confirmed their separation in an email to AFP, but gave no more details. The couple have three grown-up children.

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Chavez reaches out to opposition after victory

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In 2006, Chavez thrashed opposition candidate Manuel Rosales, taking 62 percent of the vote and winning by a massive 25-point margin.

"The opposition is strengthened, with a clear leadership and many options for the future," Luis Vicente Leon, president of the Datanalisis polling firm, told AFP after Sunday's much closer result.

"Chavez won without a doubt, I'm not minimizing it, he's a political monster. But it's

not the same elections as 2006. Now the opposition has a leader who can seize on its unity," he said.

Chavez can still count on a devout following among the country's long-neglected poor, who adore him for the social "missions" that give them free health care, subsidized food, and sometimes housing.

"Venezuela will continue its march toward the democratic socialism of the 21st century," Chavez said in his victory speech.

But Capriles attracted huge crowds at rallies and his picture could be seen on some homes in Chavez slum bastions after the sports-mad candidate visited 300 towns in a high-octane campaign across the nation.

While accepting defeat with grace, Capriles vowed to continue fighting for the 6.4 million people who voted for him.

"The people contributed to opening a new path and this path is here," Capriles, wear-

ing a jacket in Venezuela's yellow, blue and red colors, told supporters late Sunday.

Some 200 Capriles supporters, many in tears and disbelief, massed outside his campaign headquarters.

"I'm disappointed but not defeated," said Rosana Gonzalez, a 25-year-old student. "I continue to believe in his project for the country."

The United States and the European Union urged Chavez to extend a hand to the opposition.

"We have our differences with President Chavez," White House spokesman Jay Carney told journalists. "But we congratulate the Venezuelan people" on the peaceful manner in which the election was carried out, he added.

"We believe that the views of the more than six million people who voted for the opposition should be taken into account going forward," said William Ostick, a US State Department spokesman.

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France fears hundreds of Islamist extremists at large

PARIS (AFP) - France's interior minister on Monday predicted more arrests of Islamic extremists and warned of possibly hundreds of home-grown militants at large following a crackdown that sent shockwaves through the country's Jewish community.

Manuel Valls issued his warning in the wake of a nationwide sweep at the weekend which left one man dead and 12 others in detention on suspicion of either being involved in the bombing of a Jewish grocery last month or of planning other anti-Semitic attacks.

"We know that there are

dozens, even hundreds of individuals who are capable of organising themselves like the group that has just been dismantled," Valls said.

Richard Prasquier, the head of the CRIF, the main representative body for French Jews, said Monday that Islamic radicalism was akin to Nazism and warned that society had not yet realised "the scale of the evil" it faces.

Le Monde newspaper agreed.

"French Islam is not lacking in major voices to fight anti-Jewish racism," it said in a front-page editorial. "They

do it regularly, almost ritually. But the whole country needs to become aware of the problem. This issue concerns us all."

Police on Saturday shot dead the suspected leader of the group, Jeremie Louis-Sidney, 33, after he opened fire on officers seeking to arrest him in a dawn raid at his home in Strasbourg, eastern France.

Police said traces of Louis-Sidney's DNA had been found on the pin of a grenade thrown into a kosher grocery in the Paris suburbs on September 19.

Over 32,000 killed in Syria conflict: watchdog



A Syrian man grieves over the bodies of four members of his family, who were killed when an airstrike hit their house

BEIRUT (AFP) - Violence across Syria has killed more than 32,000 people, most of them civilians, since the outbreak of an anti-regime revolt in March last year, a monitoring group said.

Some 1,000 people have been killed in the past week alone, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, as violence escalates across the country.

"At least 22,980 civilians, 7,884 soldiers and 1,215 defectors have been killed in violence in Syria," Observatory director Rami Abdel Rahman told AFP, adding the latest figures excluded Monday's preliminary toll of 141.

September saw at least

4,727 people killed, including 305 on the 26th -- the bloodiest single day since the conflict began, said the Observatory. The highest monthly toll came in August, when the watchdog recorded 5,440 deaths.

The Observatory's civilian toll includes non-military defectors who have taken up arms against the regime of President Bashar al-Assad.

But the tallies do not count the many unidentified victims of the bloody conflict, nor do they account for thousands of people missing and thought to be in detention.

They also exclude thousands of pro-regime militiamen, Abdel Rahman said.

The Britain-based Observatory relies on a network of activists, lawyers and medics in Syria for its information.

The revolt began as pro-reform protests but morphed into an armed insurgency when demonstrations were brutally crushed. Most rebels, like the population, are Sunni in a country dominated by a minority Alawite regime. Alawites are an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

Nukes must be eradicated, US ignoring the issue: Gorbachev

VIENNA (AFP) - Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev called for the eradication of nuclear weapons and pointed a finger of blame at the United States for doing too little, in an interview published Monday.

"When we talk about nuclear weapons and what's to be done about them, the answer is to get rid of them," he said in a video interview with the Vienna-based Preparatory Commission of the CTBTO, an organisation seeking to ban nuclear testing.

"The country with super-armament, ie. military superiority over all others, is still America. And they are avoid-

ing that issue... setting it aside," he added.

The interview, in Russian with English subtitles, was posted on the Prep Comm's website Monday ahead of the anniversary of a key 1986 Reykjavik summit between Gorbachev and then US president Ronald Reagan, where the Cold War opponents discussed nuclear disarmament.

Today, nuclear powers have an estimated 20,000 warheads, the former Soviet president said in the video, made on September 4.

"It's enough to bury our civilisation in a few days, literally."

"The current situation

must not be allowed to continue... the treaty on the complete cessation of nuclear testing must become effective," he urged.

Close to 200 states have signed the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), but the document still lacks ratification from key nuclear weapons states such as the US, China, India, Iran and Israel to come into force.

In Reykjavik on October 11-12, 1986, Reagan and Gorbachev met for the second time and "came close to abolishing all nuclear weapons," according to the Prep Comm.

Egypt's Morsi pardons those convicted over 'revolution'

CAIRO, Egypt (AFP) - Egypt's President Mohamed Morsi on Monday pardoned all those arrested between the start of the revolution that toppled president Hosni Mubarak in February 2011 and June this year, state media said.

A decree published on the

presidency's official Facebook page announced the amnesty for deeds "committed with the aim of supporting the revolution and bringing about its objectives, in the period January 25, 2011 to June 30, 2012, with the exception of crimes of first-degree murder."

Massive protests that erupted on January 25 last year forced Mubarak to stand down after more than 30 years of iron-fisted rule.

The amnesty declaration covers people who already have convictions and those who are still under investigation or are on trial, according

to the decree.

It comes 100 days after Morsi, who emerged from the Muslim Brotherhood, became the first freely elected president of Egypt and its first civilian head of state when he took office in June.



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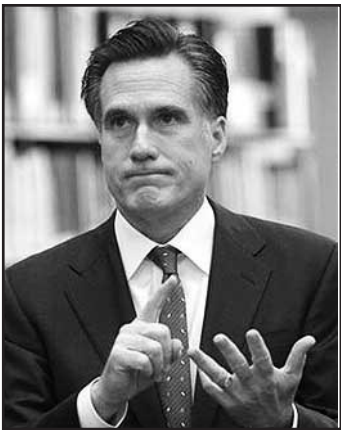
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International News

Romney: Obama 'has failed to lead' in Syria, Middle East



Lexington, Virginia (AFP) - Barack Obama has "failed to lead" in the Middle East and the strained ties between his White House and Israel have emboldened Iran, presidential challenger Mitt Romney declared Monday.

In a major foreign policy speech, Romney warned the president's dithering had increased instability in a region clamoring for US leadership and left both the United States and its Middle East allies less safe than they were.

With the slowly improving economy providing less ammunition four weeks from the November 6 election, Romney's address at the Virginia Military Institute marked a bid to muscle in on turf largely seen as Obama's preserve.

He said Syria's rebels do not have the necessary weapons to battle Bashar al-Assad's troops and claimed Obama's handling of the crisis was emblematic of a president who does not "shape history" but opts to "lead from behind."

"In Syria, I will work with our partners to identify and organize those members of the opposition who share our values and ensure they obtain the arms they need to defeat Assad's tanks, helicopters, and fighter jets," Romney said.

But Romney stepped carefully, refusing to commit any future US government to directly provide weapons to rebels.

Obama, worried that should

der-fired missiles and other heavy weapons could end up in the hands of terrorists, has not provided arms for the rebel groups, although he has arranged for the delivery of communications equipment.

Romney acknowledged that Obama had had some foreign policy successes, notably the killing of chief terror suspect Osama bin Laden, but said that the Democrat incumbent would not leave the world a safer place.

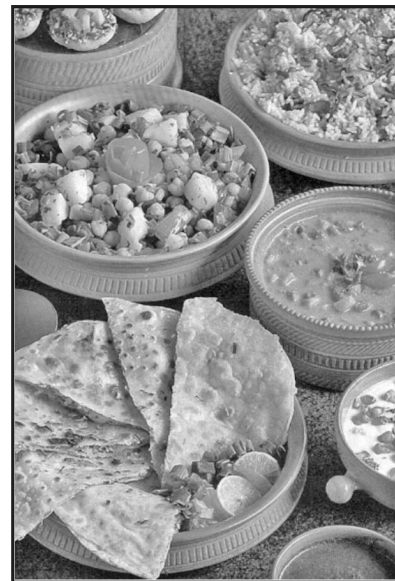
"But when we look at the Middle East today -- with Iran closer than ever to nuclear weapons capability... with violent extremists on the march, and with an American ambassador and three others dead (in Benghazi, Libya) likely at the hands of Al-Qaeda affiliates -- it is clear that the risk of conflict in the region is higher now than when the president took office," he said.

Opposition chief enters Syria for first time: rebels

BAB AL-HAWA, Syria (AFP) - Abdel Basset Sayda, the head of the main opposition Syrian National Council, entered the country on Monday for the first time since assuming his post in June, rebel sources said. Sayda paid a visit to the town of Bab al-Hawa in the northwestern province of Idlib, on the border with Turkey, where he met several leaders of the rebel Free Syrian Army, the sources said.

Among the rebel commanders taking part were the military council chiefs for Idlib province and for neighbouring Aleppo province -- scene of fierce fighting since July in the city of the same name, Syria's second city and commercial capital. Sayda was accompanied on his visit to rebel-held territory by several other SNC members and by General Mustafa al-Sheikh, the highest-ranking Syrian army officer to have defected to the opposition.

The visit came as the exiled opposition said it was planning a major makeover to address concerns about its representativeness. SNC member Louay al-Safi told AFP that the group would unveil the changes at a meeting in the Qatari capital Doha next week.



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Iran could make the bomb within 10 months: experts

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Iran could produce enough weapons-grade uranium to make an atomic bomb within two to four months and then would need an additional eight to 10 months to build the device, experts said Monday.

The authors of a new report on Iran's nuclear program say Tehran has made progress in its uranium enrichment effort but that the United States and UN weapons inspectors would be able to detect any attempt at a "breakout" -- at least for the moment.

The report, released by the Institute for Science and International Security, offers estimates on uranium stock-

piles and enrichment rates based on figures from inspections of Iran's program by the UN watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

To amass the 25 kilograms of highly-enriched uranium needed for one nuclear weapon, Iran "would require at least 2-4 months," the report.

To reach that goal, Iran would have to draw on its uranium enriched to 3.5 percent as well as stocks of 20 percent enriched uranium, it said.

The report appears roughly in line with the US government's view that once Iran made a decision to make a bomb, Tehran could be months away from generating sufficient amounts of weapons-grade material and then additional months would be required to construct a device.

The findings confirm comments made to AFP last month by one of the authors, David Albright, a leading expert on Iran's nuclear project.

Once Iran had generated enough highly-enriched uranium, it could take about eight to 10 months to construct a nuclear weapon, Albright told AFP on Monday.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said on September 11 that the United States would have about a year to take action if Iran decided to build a nuclear weapon.

The time needed for Iran to quit the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and "dash" or "break out" to make the bomb would give the United States and its allies time to react if necessary, the report said.

"Although Iran's breakout times are shortening, an Iranian breakout in the next year could not escape detection by the IAEA or the United States.

Rio mayor re-elected, to oversee 2016 Olympics



Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff (L) and Rio de Janeiro's City Mayor Eduardo Paes chat during a meeting at Planalto Palace in Brasilia yesterday

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Riding a wave of support from Rio's slums, Eduardo Paes was re-elected mayor Sunday and now takes up the challenge of overseeing major infrastructure projects ahead of the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Paes, a member of the

centrist PMDB backed by the ruling Workers Party (PT), got 64.6 percent of the vote, easily defeating his ultra-leftist rival Marcelo Freixo with 28.1 percent.

"We are going to work together over the next four years," said the incumbent, whose party is a member of

President Dilma Rousseff's ruling coalition.

In municipal elections seen as a key test ahead of presidential polls two years from now, some 139 million Brazilians were called upon to elect 5,561 mayors and 48,000 municipal councilors for four-year terms. Around 450,000 candidates represented more than 20 political parties.

The surprise came in Sao Paulo, where campaign frontrunner Celso Russomanno was shut out of the key mayoral race.

Opposition Brazilian Social Democratic Party (PSDB) candidate Jose Serra will face off against PT rival Fernando Haddad in a runoff vote scheduled for October 28.

A second round will take place on the same day in cities with more than 200,000 people where no candidate secured an absolute majority.

Health & Living

"Aging in the 21st Century: a celebration and defiance"



The above caption is the title of a report submitted on October 1st by the Population Fund of the United Nations and 'Helpage International, relating to the aging of our society/world.

Studies reveal that the graying of the population continues to grow in all regions of the world. This is so also in well developed countries, including countries with a large percentage of youth. An example of this is that those now between 30 and 40 years of age will be our 60+ in the years 2042/2052. For Aruba, this means more or less 15,594 persons 60+, according to CBS 2010 statistics.

The UNESCO and Helpage report presents an analysis of the current situation of persons of advanced age. They investigated the progress achieved since the Second World Assembly regarding Aging, with respect to the political management and measures adopted by governments and other parties.

The investigation is directed towards the execution of the Madrid International Plan of Action regarding Aging.

Among the most urgent concerns for older people is their financial security and access to quality health care which adequately meets their needs. This has to include prevention, and care for the long term. Older people should be able to enjoy their physical and mental health as best as possible.

The report also identifies weaknesses and offers recommendations for the goals that communities should set to ensure that persons of all ages will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of their community as well as to benefit from it.

During interviews in prepa-

ration of the report, they interviewed and recorded many of the concerns that the elderly have. The voice of the elderly resounded throughout the report in the sense that they made clear the many concerns and grievances that they have. Here's a brief resume of those concerns and grievances of the elderly:

- 43% said that they fear becoming objects of personal violence
- 49% feels that they are treated with respect
- 61% use cellars
- 53% face difficulties, or have serious difficulties to pay for basic services (for example for water, electricity and food)
- 44% consider their actual health to be good
- 34% have difficulty, or much difficulty getting the attention they need regarding their health when they need this most

The report also presents 10 priority actions to be implemented in order to provide the maximum opportunity for a graying society to thrive:

1. Recognize the inevitability of aging in a population and to prepare adequately for and to interest all stakeholders (government, civil society, private sector, communities and families) in the growing number of elderly persons.
2. Guarantee all elderly persons a life of dignity and security and the opportunity to enjoy the health and social services along with an adequate income.
3. Encourage the community and families to develop systems of support that would guarantee the weaker elderly, necessary long term care and to promote active and healthy aging in their own homes and communities.
4. Invest now in young people through the promotion of healthy habits; ensure educa-

tion and employment opportunities, access to health services and social insurance for every employee as the best investment in improving the lives of future generations of the elderly.

5. Encourage national and international efforts to do comparative investigation on aging, and guarantee that the sensitive data of the sexes and culture and the results coming from these investigations are available for a contribution to political formulation.

6. Guide the aging process and involve both men and women in the management of aging, bearing in mind the specific needs of men and women of advanced age.

7. Ensure that aging and the needs of the elderly are included in all management and national programs.

8. Ensure that aging and the needs of the elderly are included in national humanitarian actions, the management of climate change and adaptation plans, and in programs on the management and preparation of calamities.

9. Ensure that the matter of aging is adequately reflected on your development agenda for beyond 2015, particularly as you develop goals and specific indicators.

10. Develop a new culture, based on the rights of aging and a change of mentality and attitude of the society with respect to aging. And, begin first at those who are receiving pension and are actively contributing to the society. This will require, among other things, that you employ the international instruments of human rights and translate these into laws and national regulations and into affirmative actions to fight discrimination because of age and to recognize the autonomy of persons of advanced age in our communities.



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Teen stomach removed after liquid nitrogen cocktail



LANCASTER - Gaby Scanlon, 18, was rushed to hospital after downing two 'Nitro Jagermeister' drinks on a boozy night out, and remains seriously ill in hospital.

The teenager has had her stomach removed after drinking a cocktail containing liquid nitrogen.

Adding liquid nitrogen, which creates a steaming "cauldron effect," to drinks or food is not an uncommon practice.

When exposed to air, liquid nitrogen creates a dense fog and is used by bartenders and chefs to add an element of visual drama to dishes or to freeze things quickly, such as ice cream. It is also used for removing warts and has industrial uses.

Liquid nitrogen can be used safely in the preparation of

foods. However, since it is not safe to ingest liquid nitrogen due care must be taken to ensure that the liquid has all evaporated before serving any food or drink that was prepared with liquid nitrogen.

Professor Peter Barham, from the University of Bristol, said: "It is intensely cold and if not used properly can cause frostbite or cryogenic burns.

"Just as no-one would drink boiling water or pour it over themselves, so no-one should ingest liquid nitrogen."

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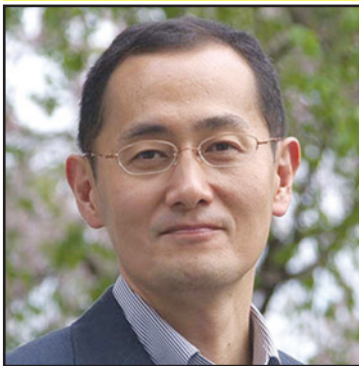
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Stem cell pioneers win Nobel for medicine



STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Shinya Yamanaka of Japan and John Gurdon of Britain won the Nobel Prize yesterday for work in cell programming, a frontier that has nourished dreams of replacement tissue for people crippled by disease.

The two scientists found that adult cells can be transformed back to an infant state called stem cells, the key ingredient in the vision of regenerative medicine.

"Their findings have revolutionised our understanding of how cells and organisms develop," the Nobel jury declared. "By reprogramming human cells, scientists have created new opportunities to study diseases and develop methods for diagnosis and therapy."

Among those who acclaimed the award were Britain's Royal Society, Ian Wilmut, "father" of Dolly the cloned sheep, and a leading ethicist, who said it eased a storm about the use of embryonic cells.

Stem cells are precursor cells which differentiate into the various organs of the body.

They have stirred huge excitement, with hopes that they can be coaxed into growing into replacement tissue for victims of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other diseases.

Gurdon, 79, said he was grateful but also surprised by the honour, since his main research was done a half-century ago.

In 1962, he discovered that the DNA code in the nucleus of an adult frog cell held all the information to develop into every kind of cell.

This meant that an adult cell could in essence be reprogrammed.

His landmark discovery was initially met with scepticism, as the journey from immature to specialised cell was previously deemed irreversible.

Gurdon told reporters in London his groundbreaking work "was essentially to show that all the different cells of the body have the same genes."

Based at Cambridge University, Gurdon is fond of recalling that his school tutor told him when he was 15 that it would be a "total waste of time" to pursue a career in science, and credits his mother with encouraging him to follow his passion.

More than four decades later, in 2006, Yamanaka, now 50, discovered how mature cells in mice could be turned back to their youthful state using a batch of reprogramming genes.

The advantage of this would be to avert the need to use

stem cells taken from early-stage embryos. These are hugely versatile but have stirred ethical controversy.

"This is not only a giant leap for science, it is a giant leap for mankind. Yamanaka and Gurdon have shown how science can be done ethically," a professor of practical ethics at the University of Oxford, Julian Savulescu, told the Science Media Centre in London.

Yamanaka "deserves not only a Nobel Prize for Medicine, but a Nobel Prize for Ethics," he said.

Yamanaka, a professor at Kyoto University, has pointedly warned of the ethical controversies of science.

"We should limit the application of technology to treatment or what can make patients happier," he has said. "We may be able to generate new life (with this technique), so we are presented with another ethical issue."

Stem-cell research is still at a very early stage, and only a tiny number of human trials have taken place.

He was modest about the honour on Monday, telling reporters he was "just an obscure researcher" who planned to carry on his work.

The pair had been among the frontrunners for a Nobel after they won the prestigious Lasker Prize in 2009 and Yamanaka shared the 1.2-million-euro Millennium Technology Prize earlier this year with a software engineer.

Because of the economic crisis, the Nobel Foundation has slashed its prize sum to eight million Swedish kronor (\$1.2 million, 930,000 euros) per award, down from the 10 million kronor awarded since 2001.



Apple (AAPL) has placed orders for roughly 10 million iPad mini units for the fourth quarter of 2012, unnamed sources have told the Wall Street Journal. The Journal also notes that Asian component suppliers say the volume of iPad mini orders they've received for Q4 is "roughly double the order that were placed for Amazon's Kindle Fire tablets in the same quarter." The latest rumors suggest that Apple will send out invitations for the iPad mini launch event on Wednesday, October 10th.



CAPE CANAVERAL, FL (AFP) : A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket attached to the cargo-only capsule called Dragon lifts off from the launch pad Sunday in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The rocket is bringing cargo to the International Space Station that consists of clothing, equipment and science experiments.

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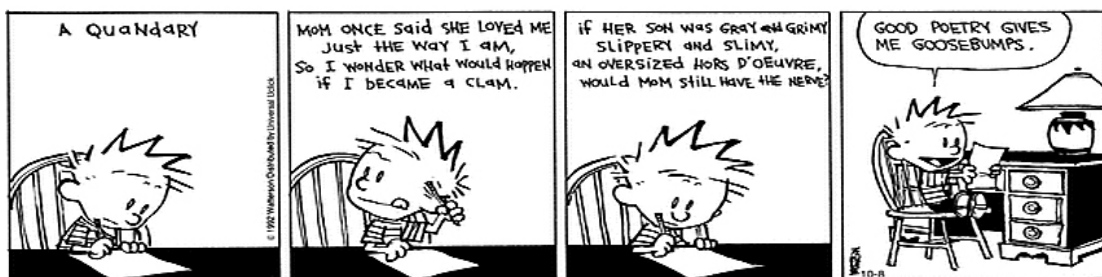
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21. Shucked item
22. Bakery's purchase
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29. Contentedly self-confident
31. Merry adventure
32. Pink table wine
33. Father of Eleazar
35. Primitive plant
37. Alan Scott's alter ego
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45. Small role
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53. Hosp. staffers
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59. Third king of Judah
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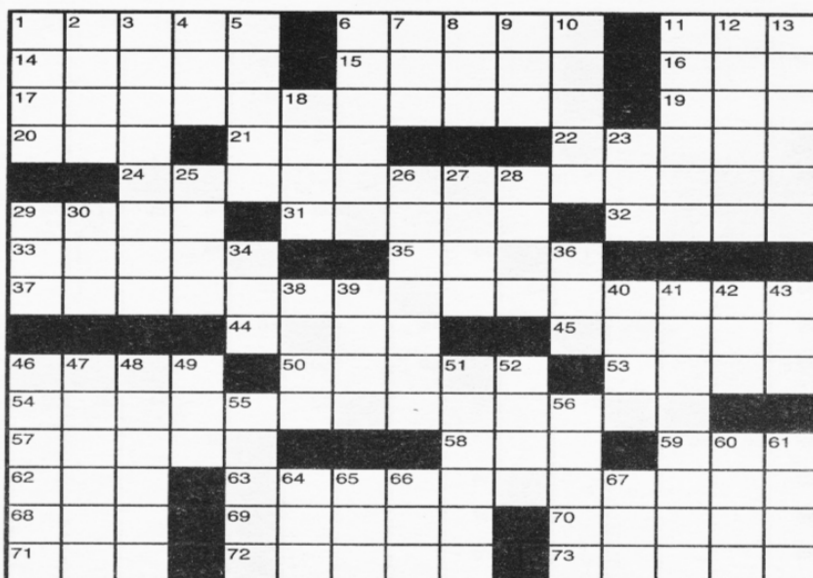
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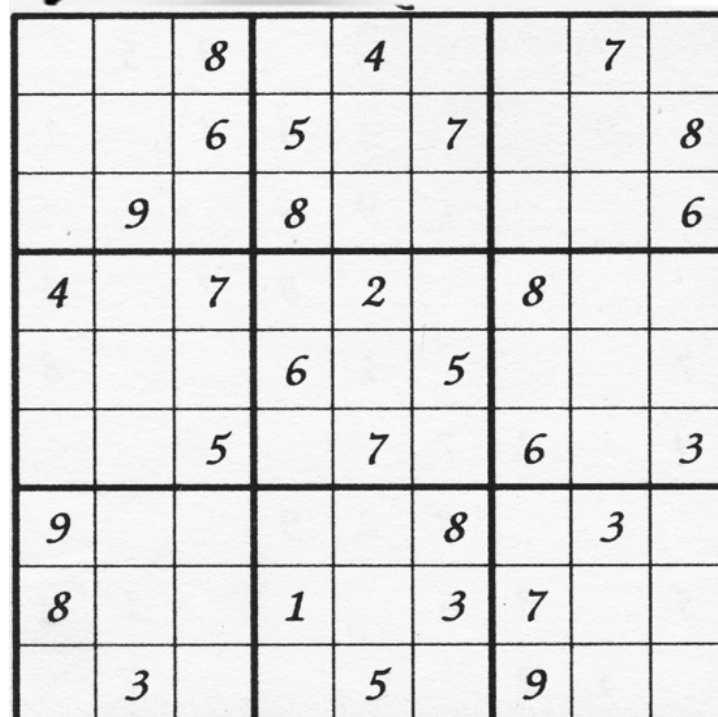
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IMF: US 'fiscal cliff' would set back world economy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund warned US leaders that hitting the looming "fiscal cliff" would not only crush the American economy but spin havoc through the rest of the world.

The US needs to shrink its huge fiscal deficit over the medium term but steep spending cuts and tax hikes scheduled for January are too extreme, and are already sending worries across the globe and hitting growth, the IMF said.

The IMF said, in its global economic report released in Tokyo, that the US could plunge back into recession if policymakers fail to agree a way to avoid the poison-pill plan to cut the country's deficit and debt.

"Growth would stall in 2013 with the full materialization of the cliff and... would inflict large spillovers on major US trading partners

and also on commodity exporters," the Washington-based global lender said.

The Fund warned the US economy is likely slow slightly next year from this year's forecast 2.2 percent expansion even if the cliff plan is avoided.

Growth has lost momentum, it said, with one factor being the uncertainty related to the outlook for government plans and the eurozone crisis.

The IMF conceded that worries wrought by uncertainty in Europe could help the United States, as capital has moved to the safe-haven dollar, helping to keep US interest low despite the government's hefty debt burden.

However, the IMF warned, this can also drive up prices, hurting the country's exports.

But most worrisome is the so-called "fiscal cliff", an impossible political compro-

mise agreed last year as Democrats and Republicans battled without conclusion over how to close the fiscal deficit over the medium term.

The plan forces deep, immediate spending cuts on the government from January 1, while raising taxes which will crunch household spending.

Legislators are under pressure to come up with an alternative before the end of the year. But, with Congress now on recess ahead of the November 6 national elections, there will be little time to fashion a more moderate plan before the deadline.

If implemented, the IMF said, the plan could cut four percent from gross domestic product.

"It is imperative to avoid excessive fiscal consolidation in 2013, to raise the debt ceiling promptly, and to agree on a credible medium-term fiscal consolidation plan."

Air France-KLM and Etihad unveil codesharing agreement

PARIS (AFP) - Air France-KLM and Etihad Airways announced Monday a codesharing agreement in the first phase of what could become a broader strategic partnership, a statement said.

Air France, which has hit financial headwinds, also unveiled a similar deal with Air Berlin, the sixth biggest European carrier.

The agreements, which allow each airline to offer service provided by its partners, will cover destinations in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia, the statement said.

It represents "the first phase of a much larger strategic partnership," the airlines added.

The deal "reflects the core elements of Etihad Airways'

10-year master plan, driven by organic network growth, combined with the forging of strategic codeshare partnerships and minority equity investments in other airlines," Etihad chief executive James Hogan was quoted as saying.

Air France, which posted in July a second-quarter loss of 895 million euros (\$1.2 billion) owing to provisions to cover restructuring costs, previously had a codesharing deal with the Australian

carrier Qantas.

That ended however when Qantas announced in September a commercial agreement with Emirates, a Gulf rival of Etihad.

Air France has come under increasing pressure from growing Asian and Gulf airlines as well as low-cost carriers.

Earlier this year Air France unveiled a plan designed to save two billion euros and put it back in profit by 2015.

Oil prices extend losses

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices fell on Monday following losses at the end of last week, as the weak global economic outlook continued to feed into demand expectations.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in November, shed 55 cents to \$89.33 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for November dropped 20 cents to \$112.02 a barrel in late London deals.

The drop in prices reflects "continued concerns about the global economy, and the issue over Europe continues to be a bearish factor on oil markets," Victor Shum, an analyst at Purvin and Gertz energy consultants, told AFP.

In London meanwhile, British energy group BP said it had agreed to sell its ill-

fated Texas City refinery to US-based Marathon Petroleum Corporation for \$2.5 billion (1.9 billion euros) to help fund compensation costs resulting from the 2010 US oil spill disaster.

The Texas City facility suffered a deadly explosion in 2005 that killed 15 workers and sparked safety concerns across BP's US operations.

BP is selling assets to help pay costs arising from the US Gulf of Mexico oil spill in 2010.

"With today's agreement the total value of the divestments that BP has agreed since the beginning of 2010 is now over \$35 billion. BP expects this total to reach \$38 billion by the end of 2013," the company said.



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Britain	GBP	2.820	2.870	2.930
Switzerland	CHF	1.9103	1.9175	1.9255
Netherlands	EUR	2.2948	2.3157	2.3390
Sweden	SEK	0.2603	0.2675	0.2755
Denmark	DKK	0.3010	0.3082	0.3162
Norway	NOK	0.3036	0.3108	0.3188
Japan	JPY	224.93	226.99	229.27

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IMF trims China 2012 growth forecast to 7.8%

BEIJING (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund on Tuesday cut its forecast for Chinese economic growth for this year and next, saying stimulus efforts have so far failed to deliver an expected boost.

In its latest World Economic Outlook the Fund also said that the slowdown in the world's number-two economy had impacted other countries in the region.

The Chinese economy was expected to grow 7.8 percent in 2012 and 8.2 percent in 2013, the IMF said.

Both figures are below the Fund's most recent estimates in July of 8.0 percent growth for 2012 and 8.5 percent for 2013. The July forecasts were

in turn lower than an IMF estimate in April.

China's gross domestic product expanded 7.6 percent in the second quarter of this year, its worst performance in three years, and disappointing data since then has led to fears that third-quarter growth may have weakened further.

Third-quarter data is due out on October 18.

China has suffered the knock-on effect of a severe debt crisis in Europe and a hobbled recovery in the United States, its two key export markets, which have led to a slump in trade and contraction in manufacturing activity.

India working on 'credible' plan to cut deficit

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India's finance minister promised Monday a "credible" plan to cut a gaping fiscal deficit that has alarmed investors and said he was determined to push through more reforms to spur the economy.

The pro-market minister, P. Chidambaram, said there was an "imperative need" to cut spending after a govern-

ment panel warned that India stood on the edge of a "fiscal precipice" due to a swelling subsidy bill.

"It is our intention to announce a credible and feasible path of fiscal consolidation beginning this year," he said, giving a new target for the deficit of 5.3 percent of gross domestic product.

Greece worries propel dollar higher

NEW YORK (AFP) - The dollar gained ground against the euro Monday as fresh worries about Greece and Spain roiled the eurozone.

New concerns over Greece's future spilled through the markets after news that German Chancellor Angela Merkel was headed to Athens for talks on Tuesday.

At 2200 GMT, the euro was at \$1.2967 compared to \$1.3031 late Friday.

The yen pushed higher after falling most of last week, with the dollar buying 78.31 yen compared to 78.64, and the euro at 101.57 yen from 102.48.

In Europe Monday, the 500 billion euro bailout fund, the European Stability Mechanism, was officially launched, but that step forward failed to calm rising concerns over the single currency.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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A new record of participation for the Cas Animal fundraising golf tournament



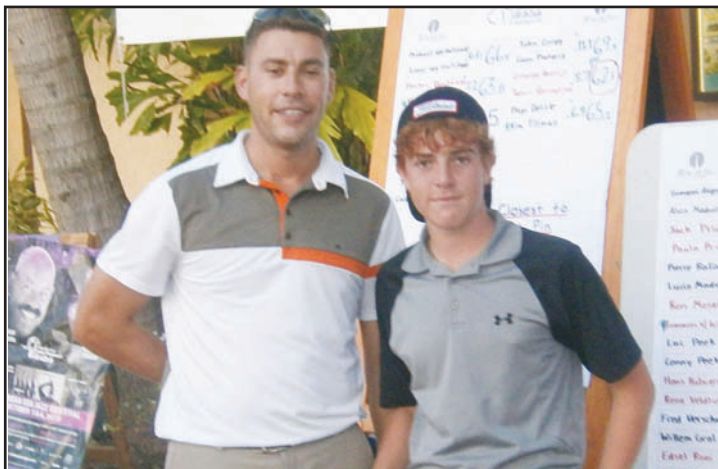
James Kiley hands over proceeds to Kiki and helpers

Now firmly established as an annual tradition, Tierra Del Sol Country Club and Golf Course was proud to once again host the Cas Animal Foundation fundraising tournament on Saturday, September 29. The two-man shotgun scramble had 26 teams enjoying a day on the links for a worthy cause.

Cas Animal is small foundation dedicated to rescuing stray and abandoned dogs of the streets. Founder Kirsten Arndt has converted her home into Aruba's only no-kill shel-



First Place winners Shine Helman and Edsel Rooi



nearest to pin 13 Matthew Brinkman

ter, and is working diligently to build a proper facility in Kibaima.

This year's golf tournament netted the foundation 13,000 Aruban florins, (\$7,420.) a large part of which came from the 500 florin per hole sponsors. "It was a wonderful event," commented Assistant Golf Pro James Kiley. "The weather was beautiful and everyone seemed to enjoy the day thoroughly." The round of golf ended with a award dinner and drinks around the pool deck with food and beverages donated by Aruba Trading Company, Senor Frog's Aqua Grill, Ventanas Del Mar, Mulligan's Salt & Pepper, Yami Yami, Subway, Compra, Superfood and Starbucks.

First place winners of the tournament, earning a week-end stay at the Westin Resort and other goodies, were Shine Helman and Edsel Roy with a score of 61. Second place was the father and son team of Frans and Matthew Brinkman, with son Matthew also winning Nearest to the pin at hole #13. Third place winners of airline tickets to Curacao courtesy of Tiara Air, were Orlando Rasmijn and Travis Bernadina.

Other Closest to the Pin winners were Giovanni van Wijk, Shine Hellman, Kim Tillman and Ray Perez. Prizes for the tournament were donated by Westin Aruba Resort, Hyatt Regency Resort Aruba, La Cabana Beach Resort, Tiara Air, Colombian Emeralds, Gemstones, Diamonds

International, Boolchand's Digital World, Red Sail Sports, and tickets to the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival from Purple Entertainment Group.

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Kirsten Arndt expressed heartfelt gratitude to all sponsors and players for a very successful event. Particular thanks go to TDS and their golf pros, Head Pro Adam Williamson and assistant James Kiley, and their staff. Plus a big thank you to the kind support of Olin Boekhoudt of Pachanga Aruba as helper and DJ.

An important part of the Cas Animal program is finding good, loving homes for the animals in their care. If seeing a dog in distress, call Kiki and her animal ambulance at 742-8732. If wishing to adopt a dog, even if not an island resident, will assist in the process of transport to your home country. It is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than any might think. Her costs for feeding all the dogs she rescued and maintains are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills. If anyone wishes to help, they can support her with donations in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110

by Rosalie Klein

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

SPORTS

Golf: McIlroy plays down Woods rivalry



BELEK (AFP) - World No 1 Rory McIlroy has played down any rivalry between he and 14-time Major winning Tiger Woods ahead of this week's \$US 5.2million World Golf Final in the Turkish resort of Belek.

While sponsors draw heavily on McIlroy versus Woods in promoting the event, the 23-year-old Northern Irishman does not see it that way.

"I'm looking forward to tackling Tiger as everyone knows he's been a hero of my growing up," said McIlroy to reporters. "To get to play alongside him these days and to compete against him is a dream come true.

"However people who watch sports want to see some form of rivalry between myself and Tiger but I don't see it as that's what Tiger and I have.

"It's just great to see events like this and I am just pleased to be mentioned in the same conversation with Tiger."

McIlroy and Woods join six others including Lee Westwood, Justin Rose, Webb Simpson, Hunter Mahan, Matt Kuchar and Charl Schwartzel in a medal match-play format for a first prize of \$US 1.5million and with the eighth placed receiving \$US 300,000.

Woods arrived in Turkey for a first visit to mainland Europe since 2003 and immediately expressed his personal disappointment at last month's Ryder Cup when he managed to secure just a half-a-point in his seventh appearance, and that was after conceding the final putt of the competition to Italy's Francesco Molinari.

Unlike Woods, McIlroy has been to Turkey before, sup-

porting girlfriend and tennis star Caroline Wozniacki for the season-ending WTA finals.

However on this occasion Wozniacki is present to support McIlroy and the Northern Irishman is determined to continue his recent run of success with victory along the Mediterranean shoreline.

"It's going to be a very exciting week with eight of the best players in the world and the people of Turkey are going to see an event they've never seen before," he said.

"I haven't touched a club since the Ryder Cup and I've just been chilling out with Caroline so I will get to the golf course early Tuesday morning and see if it's still there."

In the opening matches today McIlroy will play Matt Kuchar, Woods takes on Charl Schwartzel, Hunter Mahan lines up against Justin Rose, and Lee Westwood clashes with Webb Simpson.

McIlroy will play Schwartzel on Wednesday morning and then face Woods in the afternoon.

McIlroy, Woods, Schwartzel and Kuchar are in group one and the leading two players go through to Thursday's semi-final when they play the top two players from Group B that include Westwood, Mahan, Rose and Simpson.

Football: Klinsmann dumps Altidore for key qualifiers

MIAMI (AFP) - US forward Jozy Altidore, enjoying his top career club season for Dutch side AZ Alkmaar, was dropped from the American roster for two critical World Cup 2014 qualifying matches by US coach Jurgen Klinsmann.

The German manager said

Monday that he was dumping the 22-year-old striker because he has struggled with the US squad in this year's semi-final round of CONCACAF (North American) qualifying matches for the 2014 showdown in Brazil.

Altidore has no goals in six

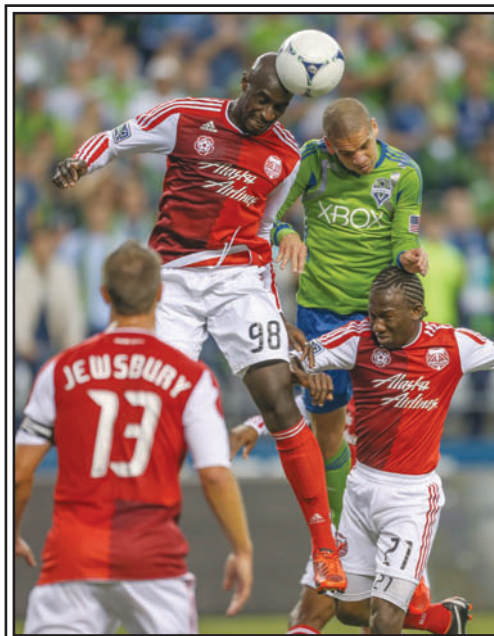
matches for the national team this year but has netted eight goals in eight Dutch league matches this season for AZ Alkmaar.

Altidore struggled in a 2-1 loss at Jamaica and a 1-0 home victory over the "Reggae Boyz" last month.

The Americans are now level with Guatemala in their qualifying group on seven points with Jamaica also on seven points but trailing on goal difference with two matches in the next week for each team to decide two qualifiers for next year's final round of regional qualifying for 2014 berths in Brazil.

Klinsmann named Landon Donovan of the MLS Los Angeles Galaxy to the US roster even though he hurt his left knee last weekend.

Klinsmann brought San Jose's Alan Gordon and Seattle's Eddie Johnson from MLS to replace Altidore among US attackers "to give them a chance to show how much they have improved."



SEATTLE :
Mamadou "Futty" Danso #98 of the Portland Timbers heads the ball against Osvaldo Alonso #6 of the Seattle Sounders FC at CenturyLink Field on October 7, 2012 in Seattle, Washington. The Sounders defeated the Timbers 3-0.

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NFL: Atlanta stays perfect, Brees sets record

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Atlanta remained undefeated, Tom Brady won the battle of the marquee quarterbacks and Drew Brees had a record-setting day in week five of the National Football League season on Sunday.

Michael Turner rushed for the go-ahead touchdown with just under three minutes remaining as the Atlanta Falcons ground out a 24-17 win over Washington Redskins at FedEx Field.

Turner busted through for a 13-yard run to the end zone when it mattered most for the Falcons, who are 5-0 for the first time in franchise history. Turner finished with 18 carries for 67 yards.



Drew Brees throws the record-breaking touchdown during the game between the San Diego Chargers and New Orleans Saints Sunday. Brees broke Johnny Unitas's record by throwing a touchdown pass in 48 consecutive games.

Atlanta centre Todd McClure has been with the team since 1999 so he has experienced the highs and lows.

Quarterback Matt Ryan threw for 345 yards, two touchdowns and one interception as he completed 34-of-52 passes for the Falcons.

Receiver Tony Gonzalez had a superb game, catching 13 passes for 123 yards and a touchdown, while Julio Jones grabbed 10 passes for 94 yards and a touchdown.

Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin completed 10-of-15 passes for 91 yards. He was forced to leave the game after taking a hit to the head from Falcons linebacker Sean Weatherspoon.

Backup Kirk Cousins came in and threw for 111 yards, one score and two interceptions on five-of-nine passing for Washington.

The Redskins lost at home for the eighth straight game.

New Orleans quarterback Brees set an NFL record by throwing a touchdown in his

48th consecutive game, breaking the mark set by hall-of-famer Johnny Unitas more than 50 years ago.

"First of all it's a team record, not an individual record. So many people were responsible for this, coaches and people in the organization," Brees said. "Certainly the man who held this record stands for everything great in this league. It couldn't have happened in a better way."

Unitas set the record between 1956 and 1960 and no quarterback had come within 10 touchdowns until Brees started to make a serious move on the record late in the 2011 season.

Brees broke the record by completing a 40-yard pass to receiver Devery Henderson as the Saints held on to beat the San Diego Chargers 31-24 in the late game Sunday.

The Saints players celebrated Brees's milestone by swarming the quarterback who retrieved the ball and took it to the Saints bench for safe-keeping.

In a matchup of two of the game's marquee quarterbacks, the New England Patriots rushing game was a deciding factor.

Second-year running back Stevan Ridley carried for a career-high 151 yards and one touchdown as New England defeated the Denver Broncos 31-21.

Denver quarterback Peyton Manning threw three touchdown passes to Tom Brady's one TD pass at Gillette Stadium. Manning also outgained his New England counterpart, 345-223.

On second and 10 from the 14-yard line late in the fourth quarter, Manning handed the ball off to Willis McGahee and New England's Rob Ninkovich forced his second fumble of the game to blunt Denver's attack.

Brady then completed a nine-yard pass to Wes Welker, the last of his game-high 13 receptions, on third-and-three and the Patriots used up all the

time left on the clock.

"It's a good win against a very good team," Brady said. "The Broncos have a hell of a team in all three phases and I thought we really stood up to them, so it's a good win for us."

Welker finished with 104 yards receiving and caught a touchdown pass.

San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith was superb through the air and Frank Gore dominated on the ground as the 49ers routed the Buffalo Bills 45-3.

Smith connected on 18-of-24 passes for 303 yards and three touchdowns, while Gore ran for 106 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries for the 49ers, who gained a franchise-record 621 yards in their second consecutive lopsided win.

Reggie Wayne caught 13 passes for a career-high 212 yards and the Indianapolis Colts defeated Green Bay 30-27. Wayne also caught the go-ahead touchdown pass with 35 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Terry Francona introduced as Indians manager



CLEVELAND — Terry Francona signed a four-year contract with the Cleveland Indians. Francona, who led the Boston Red Sox to two World Series titles, was hired over the weekend by the Indians. He was chosen over Sandy Alomar Jr., who served as the club's final six games after Manny Acta was fired. Francona takes over an Indians team that collapsed from contention by going 5-24 in August and finishing 68-94, the third time in the past four seasons they have lost at least 90 games. Francona and Alomar were the only candidates to interview for the job. Financial terms of Francona's deal were not discussed.

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Baseball: Yankees, Tigers pounce in the ninth, while Nationals edge Cardinals in playoff opener



Nate McLouth #9 of the Orioles climbs the wall as he can't make a lay on a solo home run hit by Russell Martin #55 of the Yankees in top of the ninth inning.

BALTIMORE (AFP) - Catcher Russell Martin helped ignite a five-run ninth inning with a leadoff home run as the New York Yankees beat Baltimore 7-2 in game one of their American League Division Series.

Japan's Ichiro Suzuki added a run-scoring single in the ninth and finished with two RBI, while Robinson Cano also drove in a pair of runs for the Yankees in the Major League Baseball opening round playoff contest Sunday night at Camden Yards ballpark.

Pitcher CC Sabathia allowed the two runs on eight hits and a walk with seven strikeouts over 8 2/3 innings in

the win in front of a crowd of 47,841. He had been 0-2 in three starts against the Orioles this season.

Jim Johnson (0-1) surrendered all five runs in the ninth to take the loss for the Orioles.

Rain delayed the start of the game for two hours and 26 minutes.

Baltimore was coming off a 5-1 win over the Texas Rangers in the AL's winner-take-all wild card playoff.

At Detroit, Tigers' Don Kelly hit a sacrifice fly to score Omar Infante with the winning run in the ninth as Detroit beat Oakland 5-4 to seize command of their first round playoff series.

While in ST. LOUIS, Tyler Moore smacked a two-run single in the eighth inning to give the Washington Nationals a 3-2 victory over St. Louis in their Major League Baseball playoff series opener.

Washington took a 1-0 lead over the defending World Series champions in the best-of-five National League divisional series. The winner will face either the San Francisco Giants or the Cincinnati Reds to decide a berth in the World Series final.

The Nationals, whose 98 triumphs were the most of any major league club this season, collected the first playoff victory by a team from the US capital since the 1933 World Series.

"It's huge for us," Moore said. "It gives us a lot of confidence."

In the late NL playoff game Sunday, Bronson Arroyo pitched seven strong innings of one-hit ball and Cincinnati shut out the Giants 9-0 to seize a 2-0 lead in their first round series.

Michael Morse opened the eighth inning for the Nationals by reaching base on an error by Cardinals shortstop Pete Kozma and took third on a single by Ian Desmond, who moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Danny Espinosa.

Pinch-hitter Moore then entered for the Nationals and

blasted a two-out line drive hit to right field that brought home the deciding runs.

Washington's Kurt Suzuki singled in Adam LaRoche in the second inning to open the scoring, but the Cardinals took a 2-1 lead in the bottom half of the second without even needing a base hit.

Washington starting pitcher Gio Gonzalez walked Yadier Molina, Daniel Descalso and Kozma to load the bases, then

could take advantage to push across a run.

At San Francisco, Reds pitcher Arroyo struck out four and walked just one to earn his first career playoff win.

Ryan Hanigan posted three RBI, Jay Bruce drove in a pair of runs and Ryan Ludwick added a solo home run for Cincinnati, who won 5-2 in game one on Saturday.

Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner suffered the loss



Jayson Werth of the Washington Nationals strikes out to end the top of the sixth inning

hurled a wild pitch that allowed Molina to score from third base and the other runners to advance.

Jon Jay followed with a sacrifice fly to send Descalso home with the go-ahead run.

The Nationals loaded the bases in the sixth inning and the Cardinals did the same in the seventh but neither team

after giving up four runs on seven hits and a walk over 4 1/3 innings.

San Francisco now seeks to become the first NL team in division series history to rally from an 0-2 deficit to win the series.

Game three of the best-of-five series is scheduled for today in Cincinnati.